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Amendments to the Specification:

In the specification, please amend the specification as follows:

In the SUMMARY section, please amend the following:

On pages 3-4, beginning on page 3, line 37, please amend the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

~~The object~~ In an exemplary embodiment of the present invention is to specify a film guide of the type mentioned in the introduction, in which a constant size, which can be preset, and parallelity are ensured for a film channel and/or film gap which are/is formed between an image window and a gripper platform and/or a spacing window, with wide tolerance requirements.

On page 4, second paragraph at lines 6-12, please amend the following:

The ~~solutions~~ solution according to the invention ~~ensure~~ ensures that a constant parallel film channel and film gap, which can be preset, are maintained between the image window and the gripper platform and/or the spacing window of a movie camera, thus ensuring exact maintenance of a focusing plane on the one hand and of defined friction conditions on the other hand with wide tolerance requirements and correspondingly low production costs.

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section, on page 6, sixth paragraph at lines 30-32, please amend the following:

FIG. 2 shows a side view of the film guide of the movie camera between an image window and a spacing window which is connected to the drive module;

In the DETAILED DESCRIPTION section, on pages 7-8, beginning on page 7, line 32, please amend the following:

FIG. 1 shows a side view of a movie camera with a camera housing 1, with a film cassette 9 fitted, and with a film transport mechanism which is in the form of a drive module 2, with the camera door open. The film transport mechanism has a feed device 10 and a take-up device 11 for continuous film transport and in order to form film loops 12, 13 on both sides of an image window section, which is arranged in the recording beam path A, of an image window, and has a gripper mechanism 8 with a film transport motor, by means of which the movie film 3 is transported intermittently in a film guide. In the area of the recording beam path A, the film guide forms a film channel 7 between the image window, which is connected to the camera housing 1, and a gripper platform, which is connected to the drive module 2, of the gripper mechanism 8, which narrows to form a film gap in the area between the image window and a spacing window, which is connected to the gripper platform.

On page 9, after line 12 but before line 13, please add the following paragraphs:

The film guide includes the image window 4, the gripper platform 5 and the spacing window 6. The image window section 47 of the image window 4 defines the size of the area of the individual images of the movie film to be exposed. The film plane 40 (see Fig. 7) of the image window section 47 is opposite the film plane 60 of the gripper platform 5 and of the spacing window 6 being integrated into the gripper platform 5 in such a way that, between the two film planes 40, 60, the film channel 7 is formed between the image window 4 and the gripper platform 5. In this way, a film gap 70 (see Fig. 7) is formed between the image window 4 and the spacing window 6 to guide the movie film 3. The film channel 7 and film gap 70 hold the movie film 3 in one image plane, thus ensuring a constant level of contact with respect to the camera objective and thus a constant focusing plane for the movie film 3 during the exposure of the individual images.

According to the instant invention, the spacing window 6 is supported on the image window 4 in such a manner that the film channel 7 narrows to form a film gap 70 between the mutually facing film planes 40, 60 of the image window 4 and the spacing window 6.